

In the Written Description:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page, 4, line <sup>4</sup>~~7~~, as follows:

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According to the invention, this object is attained in a way that is both surprisingly simple and effective, in that the elongated shaft includes many balls adjoining one another, of which one is the ball in the ball joint, that the elongated shaft is displaceable through the gaplike space between the two struts of the ball joint, in a direction perpendicular to the struts and toward or away from the first securing element and through a perforation in the first securing element, and one each of the balls snaps in a snapped-in position between the recesses of the struts, so that a desired length of the shaft modulus ~~module~~ adjusts the spacing of the balls from one another, and the part of the shaft protruding through and past the first securing element can be cut to length, and that the gaplike space between the two struts of the ball joint can be made narrower for fixation of the shaft after the desired length has been adjusted.